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THE OBSERVATOR.

Farther Objections against the Naturalization-Act, on Account of the Palatines, *answer'd. The like Act resolv'd on in* Holland. *The Foundation of the Greatness of that Republick, was their making their Country a Sanctuary to all oppress'd Protestants. Proposals for employing our own Poor, and for settling the* Palatines.

From Wednesday, June 22. to Saturday, June 25. 1709.

Country-m. SOme People are filthily troubl'd with a Grumbling in the Gizzard about the *Palatines*, Master, and rail at the Naturalization-Act, because they alledge that to have been the Cause of their coming over; whereas they say, we have more Poor of our own, than we can either provide for, or employ.

Obs. I am sorry for those ill-grounded Prejudices, *Roger*, which some People foment out of Weakness, and others out of Enmity to the Government; the former deserve Compassion, and only want to have their Judgments set right, but the latter are incurable, and therefore must be referr'd to the Execution of the Laws. As to the Naturalization-Act, it will abide the Test of all Men of Sense, who either understand Religion, or the Interest of Nations; tho' there's no Question, but 'tis capable of Amendments. However, if I be rightly inform'd, *Roger*, it was not so much that Act which brought those People over, as the kind Reception some of their Country-men met with here before it was pass'd, and several of them going to our Plantations, where they enjoy that Ease in Point of Conscience, and Security in their Property, that they were Strangers to at Home. Those poor People being inform'd of this, came hither in such Numbers, in Hopes of meeting with the like Encouragement; and since they are willing to be employ'd any Way, 'tis our own Fault if they be not made useful, instead of being burdensome to the Nation.

Country-m. Aye, but, Master, how can we employ and provide for them, when we can't do so for our own Poor?

Obs. As to that, *Roger*, there are such Laws in *England*, and so much Money collected by Parish-Rates for the Poor, as were the former well executed, and the latter honestly and duly improv'd, and not imbezil'd, and misapply'd by too many Church-wardens, Overseers, &c. as would remove that Objection in a great Measure. This I take to be plain, *Roger*, because in some Countries, where there are publick-spirited Men in the Commission of the Peace, who oblige the Parishes to maintain or employ their Poor, and put the Laws in Execution against such as are able, and not willing to work, there is no such Complaint; but on the contrary, whereas the meaner Sort of People did formerly think Numbers of Children a Burden, they now reckon them a Blessing, because those honest Justices have found Ways to employ them in spinning Wool, or some other useful Work; the Elder are capable of maintaining themselves and the Younger, 'till they be also fit for Work; by which Means they are beneficial, instead of being Burdens to their Parents or Parishes. Therefore, *Roger*, if the same Method were taken in all the Counties of *Great Britain*, and the Money impos'd by Parish-Rates for the Poor, put into a common Stock in Cities and Counties, and manag'd by good Justices of Peace, and other Magistrates, to purchase Materials for setting the Poor at Work, as is done at *Amsterdam*, and other Places in *Holland*, and not left to be imbezil'd by a Parcel of guzzling Mechanicks, and ordinary Tradesmen in Towns, or other mean-spirited People in Country-Parishes. I don't know but common Beggars, and necessitous Poor, might be as rare in *England*, as they are in *Holland*; and if the Overplus of what is gain'd by those common Stocks, were appropriated to Hospitals, those who are uncapable to work, might be provided for there, without being expos'd to beg in the Streets and Highways, to the Offence of the Eyes and Nostrils of those who see and smell their Sores, and maim'd or ulcerated Limbs, and to the great Scandal of Strangers, who see such Objects unprovided for, in so mighty and potent a Nation as ours; which, for Extent and Happiness of Soil, Climate, Government, and Enlargement of Trade, taken altogether, exceeds any Nation in *Christendom*.

Country-m. We must talk more of this Subject another Time, Master. I want to know your Opinion how those *Palatines* should be dispos'd of; for it grieves my Heart to see them begging about Streets, and I am afraid of the Consequences both to them and to us; for if they once get a Habit of it, they will be an additional Burden to our Country, which is already pester'd with found lous Numbers of Beggars, and may prove an Occasion of such Disorders, as I am loth to mention.

Obs. You say very well, *Roger*. We see her Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to prevent their Perishing hitherto, by her Royal Bounty, and that the Justices of *Middlesex* have petition'd and obtain'd a Brief, to make a Collection for them within their Jurisdiction. If this generous Example were follow'd by other Counties throughout the Kingdom, 'tis probable that so much Money might be rais'd, as to supply their present Necessities, and prevent their begging about Streets: For if our People consider, that the Exactions and Oppressions of the *French*, which have reduc'd the *Palatines* to those miserable Circumstances, began at the same Time when our Courtiers in the late King *James*'s Reign had rais'd an Army to treat us in the like Manner, and to subvert our Religion and Liberties, in which they made a very swift Progress, until their Career was stopt by the happy Revolution: I say, *Roger*, if our People consider these Things, they will cheerfully contribute to the Relief of those suffering Protestants, according to their respective Abilities: For nothing but the divine Goodness, which was pleas'd to bless our Endeavours, by having over the Prince of *Orange*, and taking Arms to join him, for our own Relief, could have prevented the Protestants of this Kingdom from being brought to the same Degree of Misery, or offer'd up as burnt Sacrifices to the See of *Rome* in *Smithfield*, and other Places, and had not the same Hand of Providence given Success to our Arms beyond Sea, and prevented the Invasions of the *French*, and the Insurrections of our *Jacobites* on this Side, we might have smarted under the same Exactions that has brought the *Palatines* to such Misery. Nor could we have expected to escape in such Numbers beyond Sea, as they have done hither; for our foreign and domestick Enemies would soon have cut off our Retreat, and depriv'd us of any such Place of Refuge. I think this Consideration alone, *Roger*;

ger, ſhould be enough to move all good Proteſtants to extend their Bowels of Compaſſion towards our *Palatine* Brethren. And as to the Objection againſt the Bill of Naturalization on their Account, you may be certain there's nothing in it; for the very laſt Mails bring us Advice, that the States General of the united Provinces, have reſolv'd to grant the like to all Proteſtant Strangers, that either are there, or ſhall come to their Country for the future.

Country-m. I am glad to hear that, Maſter, and hope 'twill put thoſe People to Silence, who clamour ſo loud againſt that Act; for the *Dutch* are a wiſe Nation, and would not do ſo, did they not perceive, that they muſt find their Account in it.

Obſ. It appears by Sir *William Temple*, and all that have writ of the Riſe and Growth of that mighty State, *Roger*, that the Foundation of their Greatneſs was laid upon that very Thing of making their Country a Sanctuary for all oppreſs'd Proteſtants, which ſo fill'd their Provinces with People, as enabl'd them in a little Time to maintain great Fleets and Armies; and their Dominions being but of ſmall Extent, and their Soil in moſt Parts, drown'd or barren, it put them upon a Neceſſity, for the Maintenance of their Inhabitants, to apply themſelves to drain Marſhes, to gain Ground out of the Sea, and to follow Navigation, Fiſhing, and Trade; by which they have rais'd themſelves to that great Figure they now make in the World; ſo that from a Company of *Beggars*, as they were call'd by the *Spaniards* in Reproach, and as then they had really made them, they are now become, next to *Great Britain*, the main Bulwark of the Proteſtant Intereſt, and of the Liberties of *Europe*. And knowing very well, that the Strength and Trade of any Nation, conſiſts in the Number and Induſtry of its Inhabitants, and tho' in Proportion to their Dominions, they have eight Men to our one, yet they know ſo well how to make Uſe of more, that they are for granting a Naturalization as well as we, tho' they ſtand nothing ſo much in need of it; for all their waſte Ground is improv'd, whereas there's thouſands of Acres that want it in *Great Britain*, had we Hands and Induſtry to ſet about it, beſides what we may farther employ in Navigations, Manufactures, and Fiſhery.

Country-m. Now, when you ſpeak of waſte Ground, Maſter, I have heard ſome talk of ſending the *Palatines* to *Ireland*, the Plantations, or to improve ſome waſte Lands in *Yorkſhire*, and ſome are for having a Town built for them in the *New Forreſt* in *Hampſhire*, with a proportionable Quantity of Ground laid to it, for planting an Agriculture. Pray what's your Opinion, Maſter?

Obſ. I believe they might be very uſeful in any of thoſe Parts, *Roger*; but ſince this Nation is at the Charge of their preſent Maintenance, and like to be at the Expence of ſending them out where ever they go, 'tis my Opinion, that if it can be done, which muſt be ſubmitted to the Wiſdom of our Superiors, we had beſt keep the Money and the Fruits of their Labour within our ſelves. What is now beſtow'd upon them in Charity, is not loſt to the Country, tho' it changes Hands; for it comes all to thoſe who ſell what they conſume; and ſince we have ſo many money'd Men among us, as appears by the offering of much greater Sums to the publick Funds, than there's Occaſion for, if a Society of thoſe would be ſo generous as to purchaſe or take a long Leaſe of ſome convenient Ground near a navigable River, where they may have the Convenience of Materials for building a Town of neat ſmall Houſes, which may be call'd *Annabugh*, and furniſh them with Neceſſaries for Agriculture and Trades at moderate Rates, and let them the Houſes at eaſy Rents, the Men might all be employ'd at preſent in building that Town, and the Women in dreſſing their Victuals, waſhing and mending their Cloaths, *&c.* And if at the ſame Time, the Subſcribers were incorporated and impower'd to name Magiſtrates to govern the *Palatines* according to our Laws, to overſee their Work, and to gather in their Rents, and the other Money advanc'd them for Agriculture and Trade, as it can be ſpar'd, after their neceſſary Maintenance is deducted, I don't know, *Roger*, but thoſe who advance the Money for that End, would find it turn to a very good Account. Or if a convenient Place for a Town, and a ſufficient Quantity of Ground for Cultivation, can be found in the *New Forreſt*, or any where elſe that is now us'd as a Common, it might ſave the Expence of buying the Ground, and an Equivalent for the Right of Common to the Poor of the Neighbourhood, might be pay'd out of a certain Proportion of the Rents, or other Profits ariſing from the Induſtry of the Inhabitants; and then the *Palatines* might live altogether, be allow'd Churches according to their Profeſſions, Schools to teach their Youth *Engliſh*, maintain one another, and be beneficial to the Country, without wronging our Poor or our Traders in Towns. But all this is with Submiſſion to better Judgments, *Roger*.

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